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CAMBODIAN MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS OF QW FEBRUARY 1969 REFLECT THE SHOOTDOWN, BY CAMBODIAN FORCES, OF AN ALLIED L-19 AIRCRAFT OVER SVAY RIENG MILITARY SUBDIVISION IN THE FIRST MILITARY REGIONM ONE AMERICAN CREWMEMBER WAS REPORTEDLY CAPTURED. CAMBODIAN REINFORCEMENT ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE AREA AND THE ROYAL CAMBODIAN AIR FORCE HAS BEEN ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE INTERVENTION. ON 12 FEBRUARY 1969 AT 1345G, CAMBODIAN OPERATIONAL ELEMENTS AT BAVET ((11-04N 106-10E: XT 2723)) REPORTEDLY SHOT DOWN A U.S.-ARVN L19 WHICH WAS VILATING CAMBODIAN AIRSPACE OVER THAT AREA. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN FLAMES AT XT 273187 ((18-57N 186-87E)), APPROXIMATELY 2888 METERS FROM THE BORDER IN CAMBODÍAN TERRITORY. IT WAS REPORTED THAT, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOOTDOWN, U.S. AIRCRAFT WRER FLYING OVER THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT. AN AMERICAN PILOT NAMED OSSBON WAS CAPTURED AND TAKEN TO SVAY RIENG CITY AND WAS TO BE SENT TO G2, GENERAL STAFF/FARK IN PHOM PENH ON THE MORNING OF 13 FEBRUARYM CAMBODIA N FORCES IMMEDIATELY REACTED TO THE INCIDENT BY SENDING THE MIL REGION ONE OPERATIONAL COMMAND POST AND THREE TACTICAL SUBGROUPS TO SVAY RIENG. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THE 56TH INFANTRY BATTALION BE PLACED ON ALERT FOR EVENTUAL MOVEMENT TO THE AREA. ROYAL CAMBODIAN AIR FORCE ELEMENTS WERE ALSO ALERTED. THE CO OF SVAY RIENG MSD WAS ASKED TO PHOTOGRAPH THE WRECKAGE OF THE AIRCRAFT. COLLATERAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT A U.S. U-6 AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED BY GROUND FIRE ON 12 FEBRUARY 1969 AT Ø738Z (1438G) AT XT 274229 ((11-Ø4N 1Ø6-1ØE)). THERE WERE FOUR CREWMEMBERS ABOARD, ONE OF WHOM WAS CW2 LAIRD OSBORNE, THE CO-PILOT. XXHH 36B NNNN

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